

AMERICAN SOLDIERS ACCUSED OF MURDER

(Special to The Miner.)

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 7.—The distinguished newspaper men from Britain arrived in Vancouver on Saturday on their return from the island. It is gratifying to find that they have altered their original program and decided to visit Rossland. With its well known ability for hospitality the Golden City will show the journalists that they made no mistake when they yielded to the generally expressed desire that they should not depart from the province without seeing the wonders in mining that Rossland can display to them. The visitors have much enjoyed their experiences on Vancouver Island. After having been shown the sights of Victoria, including Chinatown, they were taken to Crofton, where the new smelter had reached completion just at the time of their visit. That they were surprised at the rapidity with which westerners make a transformation scene goes without saying. A few months ago Crofton was an uninhabited portion of the island, with seemingly no future out of the ordinary before it. Today it is the smelter town of the coast and its possibilities are as great as those of Rossland itself. The visitors were also taken over the coal mines at Nanaimo. Here in Vancouver their reception was of a jolly, social character. They had the city to see, no smelters or mines, but just a town that is proud of growing rapidly and substantially and which is always glad to welcome visitors from the Mother Land.

After the newspaper men, the politicians. The conservative leader and his Ontario, Quebec and Maritime Province henchmen have arrived on the coast. Monday evening is to see the first mass meeting in Victoria. Then by way of Vancouver and Westminster, Revelstoke and the Tory convention will be taken in. Next Nelson and Rossland will be visited.

The Seattle lad, John Burns, who was given six years in jail for stealing a boat and fisherman's net, is free again. The magistrate exceeded his jurisdiction in sentencing the boy and Mr. Bowser, K. C., has secured his release. The railway from Midway, B. C., via Princeton to Spence's Bridge, a station on the main line east of the Hope mountains. The presence of engineers in the field would indicate the abandonment of that portion of the route between Princeton and Spence's Bridge in favor of a line across the Hope or Cascade range to Hope Station. As now projected the C. P. R. branch, according to Alex. McDonald, railway contractor, will ascend the Tulameen river from Allison near Princeton to Otter flat, thence by the Otter river to the west fork of the Coldstream, crossing the Hope range, thence down the Coquella river to Hope.

JIM HILL'S ACTIVITY AROUSES THE C. P. R.

GRAND FORKS, B. C., Sept. 8.—It is reported from Princeton, B. C., that the C. P. R. in consequence of President J. J. Hill's activity in the Similkameen district, has sent an engineering party into the field with the object of finding a route through the Hope mountains to Hope station on the main line. The surveyors, it was given out at Princeton, are engaged in revising the lines run by the Royal Engineers in 1860 in order to settle a dispute between the federal and provincial governments respecting the ownership of certain territory. That explanation is regarded as a fairy tale and is generally discredited. The C. P. R. two years ago completed and filed plans for a

A YOUNG MAN IS ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

GRAND FORKS, B. C., Sept. 8.—By the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of Herbert Gilmore, his companion, a young man named George Pierce, was wounded seriously while out hunting yesterday on Burrell's ranch, a few miles below this city.

NEWS AND COMMENT FROM GREENWOOD

(Special to The Miner.)

GREENWOOD, B. C., Sept. 9.—Senator Templeman and Anlay Morrison, M. P., came in from Grand Forks on yesterday's train. They were met at the railway station by Duncan Ross, J. R. Brown, H. McCutcheon and other prominent liberals resident in Greenwood, who gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, including Smith Curtis, M. P., who arrived from Rossland by the same train. Immediately after arrival they were driven up to the Mother Lode mine, where they were shown over the property by General Manager Frederick Keffer, who improved the opportunity to impress upon Mr. Templeman, in his capacity as manager of the Victoria Times, the hardships in the case of mines having low grade ores such as had just been seen. The sunset mine was next called at and

Score of Cars And Engine Wrecked

The eastern and United States mails were delayed several hours again last night through the necessity of transferring about the scene of Monday's wreck. The postoffice officials remained on duty, however, and distributed mail matter after the arrival of the train. The wreck of the road will be disastrous from the railroad company's standpoint, although no one was injured. A south bound freight was derailed at Dragon, which is located about 22 miles north of Spokane. The train consisted of about forty cars and was conveyed by two locomotives, one being in the centre of the string. The rails spread about the centre of the

magistrate was only empowered to send the accused up for trial. The case has caused some stir here during the last few days, notice being particularly taken of the rapidity of the way in which the lad was sentenced and the length of the term which it has now been shown, the magistrate was powerless to give.

The Dawson postoffice holds the record for sending money by postoffice orders from under one roof. No other single postoffice in the world, so Postmaster Hartman says, can equal his in this direction. For the fiscal year just closed there was sent from Dawson in postal orders \$1,385,000. Last year the figures were \$60,000 short of a million dollars, so that this increase indicates that times are not so bad in Dawson as some "special commissioners" would have the outside world believe. Of course other cities having several postoffices can beat the Dawson single office, but no other one office touches the Klondike capital. They are doing more correspondence in Dawson now that business is down to a settled basis. Last year the sale of stamps gave a revenue of \$12,000; this year there was an increase to the extent of \$5000, the money received being \$17,000.

J. W. Iven, the man whose regime as collector of customs in Alaska was marked with such bitterness towards Canada, has turned his wrath on his own government since it made him an ex-collector. He is now accusing United States soldiers stationed at St. Michael of two deliberate murders and crippling for life another unfortunate. Iven says that a man and his wife appeared at St. Michael sick and almost penniless. They prepared to camp on the beach. An officer asked them why they did not go to one of the hotels. They said they had no money. He then ordered them to leave the island. He supplied them with a trail craft and made them board it though they protested. Two days later the boat was washed ashore and a few days afterwards the body of the dead woman was found. The remains of the man were never seen. "These are facts," said Mr. Iven, "which I can prove with affidavits. They were deliberate murders."

THE UNDERGROUND RY HAS BEEN UNEARTHED

(Special to The Miner.)

CASCADE, Sept. 10.—The "Heavenly Chinese," who is debarrred from entrance to the United States by the Geary exclusion law, who have long been flooding entrance to the forbidden ground through the portion of the international boundary in the vicinity of Cascade has lately come to light. That there has been an underground railway at this point has been the opinion of the residents of Cascade for some time, but only lately has the suspicion become almost a certainty.

At Cascade a wily Chinaman named Sam Sing runs a laundry and some say an opium joint, but whatever he runs he has seemed popular with his countrymen, who have been calling on him by twos and threes for the past year. Their calls were usually of only a day or two duration, when they would disappear from Canadian soil.

For about a year there has been a customs officer on the United States side at Cascade who it is believed was lenient with Chinamen violating the Geary law provided the Chinamen went across after dark.

A month ago Customs Officer Stewart, the Chinamen's alleged friend, lost his job in the civil service of Uncle Sam and has since been devoting his attention exclusively to running Chinamen across the line.

Last Wednesday a party of eighteen Chinamen in charge of Customs Officer Stewart were discovered trying to run the guard lines, but the new customs officer, E. Vail, whose vigilance has brought about the unearthing of the smuggling of Chinamen, fired upon the party and captured five, who are now locked up.

Since then two more have been caught trying to cross. One can talk no English and the other only knows three words, "Give money Cascade."

At the time Officer Vail fired upon the party last Wednesday he was with a white man running back to Canadian soil but did not catch up with him until he had crossed the line, when he stopped and waited for Vail to come up. Vail then recognized his predecessor

Stewart and asked him what he was doing in the bunch. Stewart replied that he "was watching the Chinks sneak across."

It was fortunate for Stewart that he was on Canadian territory or Vail would have arrested him and sent him to jail with Sam Sing, the keeper of the station.

Sam is an intelligent Chinaman and talks English fluently. He cut his queue, and is up-to-date in all the ways of the country, gambling and drinking like a native. For a long time Sam has had lots of money and spent it freely. That he didn't make it out of his laundry business was evident.

Sam was too bold for once last Wednesday and was caught on American soil and will probably serve a term at McNell's Island for smuggling Chinamen contrary to the Geary law. The five who were captured are ready to give evidence against Stewart and Sam Sing because they paid their \$50 a head and didn't get across. The thirteen who did get across are probably sitting in the \$900 Stewart is supposed to have made by this last coup was enough to allow him to clear out for parts unknown, because he's no longer in evidence in Cascade. As long as he stops on Canadian soil he cannot be extradited, as his offence was against the American government, and as Canada has no Geary law they have no extradition treaty, as such treaties cover only offences covered by similar laws in both countries.

The vigilance of Officer Vail, who nearly single handed, has stopped and broken up the underground railroad through this point, shows great courage as well as attention to the duties of his office.

The people of Cascade estimate the number of Chinamen who have crossed here in the last year to have been from 100 to 250. They mostly went across on dark stormy nights.

Later, five more were captured last night by Vail and are now in the hands of the United States authorities. It is a significant fact that none were captured during Stewart's incumbency.

THE KETTLE RIVER COAL FIELDS

GRAND FORKS, B. C., Sept. 9.—T. M. Rixen of Nelson, B. C., has returned here after spending a month in prospecting the coal lands of the British Columbia Coal Company on the north fork of Kettle river, 65 miles north of Grand Forks. He reports that in the course of development work a seam of bituminous or coking coal six feet wide was uncovered. The expert now on the ground will report favorably on the commercial importance of the coal fields in view of the recent discovery. Mr. Rixen will return shortly with a small diamond drill plant and operations will be carried on permanently.

STEAMER COTTAGE CITY WRECKED

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 9.—News has been received here that the steamer Cottage City of the Canadian Pacific Nav. Co.'s line, was wrecked in the Wrangle Narrows. All the passengers

were saved. No further particulars as to the cause of the accident have been received, but it is thought the steamer got out of her course and foundered on one of the treacherous reefs of the channel.

IN THE MINES OF THE PROVINCE

BOUNDARY ORE SHIPMENTS.

	Past Week.
Granby Mines, Phoenix.....	4978
Snowshoe.....	480
Mother Lode, Deadwood.....	2176
B. C. Mine, Summit.....	300
Emma.....	120
Total tons for week.....	8064
Granby smelter treatment, tons.....	5022

ORE SHIPMENTS.

	Tons
The shipments of ore through Kaslo for the past week were as follows:	
Rambler to Everett.....	42
Rambler to Frisco.....	41
Sunset to Nelson.....	30
American Boy to Everett.....	60
Last Chance to Trail.....	17 1/2
Gleason Star to Everett.....	25
Whitewater to Nelson.....	63 1/2
Total.....	269

—Kootenaiian, September 4.

GOLD IN ARSENICAL IRON.

Lead Discovered on Lone Star Claim Carries High Values.

News has been received of an exceedingly promising find of gold ore on the Lone Star group on Independence mountain, about 12 miles east of the Nickel Plate mine. The claims were located in the spring of 1901, and belong to Messrs. George Ham, and John George and Alfred Allison.

While doing assessment on the first showings discovered, the owners spent part of the time prospecting their ground, with the result that another lead was found between 3 and 4 feet in width, which showed large quantities of arsenical iron.

On the surface where the iron has oxidized the gold is sometimes visible. Three assays were made from which the following returns were received: \$304.20, \$54 and \$4832 in gold. The ore is very similar in appearance to that of the Nickel Plate mine.

The lead is traceable the entire length of one claim, and into two other claims. It is in a contact between granite and diorite. A 20 foot tunnel has been driven on the vein, and two of the owners are still at work on it.

The five claims of which the group are composed are the Kitchener, Dewet, Imperial, Little Nell and Lone Star.—Similkameen Star, Aug. 30.

THE STOCK MARKET

The situation with respect to the local stock exchange is not materially altered as the result of yesterday's session. Business was brisk and prices firm to strong, with no material changes in quotations.

	Asked	Bid
American Boy.....	5 1/2	5
Cariboo McKinney.....	20	19
Centre Star.....	42	40 1/2
Fisher Maiden.....	6 1/2	6
Giant.....	4	3 1/2
Homestake (As. paid).....	3	2 1/2
Iron Mask (As. paid).....	3 1/2	3
Lone Pine.....	4	3 1/2
Morning Glory.....	2 1/2	2
Mountain Lion.....	19 1/2	18
North Star (E. K.).....	20	19
Payne.....	16	15
Rambler-Cariboo (ex-d).....	78	74
Republic.....	8 1/2	8
Sullivan.....	5 1/2	4 1/2
Tom Thumb.....	14	13
White Bear (As. paid).....	2	1 1/2
War Eagle Con.....	19 1/2	18 1/2

SALES.

Giant, 500, 27-30; 2000, 40; Centre Star, 2000, 41; War Eagle, 1000, 100; American Boy, 5000, 51-52; 5000, 53-54; Cariboo McKinney, 2000, 20. Total, 17,500.

RELOCATING OLD LINES.

Hon. Edgar Dewdney, accompanied by his nieces, Miss Grace and Elfrida Allison, and his nephew, Master Harry Allison, came in over the Hope trail this week.

Mr. Dewdney states that the survey party at work near Hope belongs to the Dominion government, and was sent out for the purpose of working out some of the old lines run by a party of Royal Engineers in 1860.

The new survey is being made for the purpose of settling a dispute between the Dominion and provincial governments and the C. P. R. regarding certain lands.

The townsites of Hope is said to be included in the disputed area.—Similkameen Star, Aug. 30.

F. P. SARGENT RESIGNS.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Sept. 9.—When the convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen was called to order today, the resignation of Grand Master F. P. Sargent was read from the platform and accepted. Mr. Sargent resigns to enter upon his duties as United States commissioner general of immigration, to which he was recently appointed by President Roosevelt.

66,375 SETTLERS ARRIVE IN NORTHWEST

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Sept. 8.—

The report of the Dominion immigration department for the month of August is ready. It shows that during the month 8630 new settlers registered at the immigration hall and the various other agencies of the department. These figures do not, however, show the total arrivals, as it is estimated that fully 28 per cent of the immigrants to western Canada are either coming out to friends or are the independent class who do not require advice or assistance from the government officials. These never register and the officials have no trace of them. The number of immigrants to arrive during the month of August would therefore be considerably over 10,000. Of the number who registered, 2520 were from the United States, 957 from England and about

2500 from eastern Canada. Commissioner Smith in reply to an inquiry said that the arrivals of last month were of an excellent class and nearly all farmers.

The total registered arrivals from January 1st to the end of August was 50,853, or 85 per cent more than arrived during the corresponding period of 1901. If 35 per cent were added to include the unregistered arrivals, it would show an increase to the population of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories by immigration of over 66,375 souls.

Of the harvesters who arrived from eastern Canada during September about 2000 have intimated to the officials their intention of remaining in the country, and after the work of harvesting and threshing is over they will select homesteads and settle upon them.

FINE WEATHER FOR HARVESTING

WINNIPEG, Sept. 9.—Minneapolis has reported 37 above at 9 o'clock this morning, the lowest temperature in the west. The weather all along the C. P. R. could not be more favorable for harvesting operations, being clear and not

too hot. The fact of there not being enough harvest hands to get in the wheat will not affect harvesting and threshing. At present fine weather continues. Yesterday afternoon the weather on an average was 63 above all over the west.

HON. COL. PRIOR FAVORS PARTY GOVERNMENT

(Special to The Miner.)

VICTORIA, Sept. 8.—Mr. Borden, the conservative leader, and party reached here last night and spent today in driving about the city. They also visited Esquimalt and other outside points.

Hon. Col. Prior is going to make a big push for the conservative leadership in the province. He announced in convention a night or two ago that

henceforth he would bend all his energies towards bringing about a conservative government in this province. The Hon. Richard McBride, ex-minister of mines, and several conservative followers of the opposition, are opposed to the suggestion and declare they will leave the Revelstoke convention if an attempt is made to force party lines in provincial politics.

CONSERVATIVE LEADER ON ORIENTAL QUESTION

(Special to The Miner.)

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 8.—Mr. Borden's tour opened tonight by a mass meeting at the theatre at which Mr. Helmcken presided. The speakers were Borden, Northrup, Bennett and Clark. Mr. Borden's speech contained a few clear cut announcements on the Oriental question. He said he saw no reason why the Natal law, as passed by Australia and Tasmania, should not

be disallowed, and British Columbia's law should be disallowed. The views of the people of the west, he said, would prevail with him on this question, if called upon to deal with a minister. He reiterated the faith of the conservative party on protectionist principles. It is reported on good authority that Wells has called Premier Dunsmuir asking him to discipline Colonel Prior for his recent pronouncement for party lines while he was still minister.

McHUGH IS RELEASED FROM SLIGO JAIL

DUBLIN, Sept. 9.—Patrick McHugh, M. P. for the north division of Leitrim, was released from Sligo jail this morning at the expiration of his sentence of three months' imprisonment for contempt of court. He was accorded a great reception, in which the mayor, the town councillors and 2000 nationalists took part. The streets of Sligo were decorated with flags in his honor.

In an interview Mr. McHugh heatedly denounced the methods of his political opponents, which he described as only comparable in malignity to the tribulations which Robespierre set up during the reign of terror.

"While I was a prisoner," said Mr. McHugh, "the crown solicitor, Mr. Fen-

ton, who was my accuser at the time of the scene which led to my imprisonment, had me adjudged a bankrupt, looted my premises and closed the offices of the Sligo Champion. People do not dare to live in a country where their property is liable to confiscation by their political opponents on the award of this grotesque Belfast tribunal. This Belfast gauntlet will prove more effective than puffed juries, coercion courts and Sergeant Sheridans all combined in rendering the country uninhabitable for Irish nationalists. So long as this horror is allowed to oppress and terrorize the land under the sanction of the law and judges, men must needs fly from Ireland as from a land where justice is not."

SITUATION AT COLON AND PANAMA SERIOUS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 9.—Mr. Ehrman, vice-consul general at Panama, advised the state department by cable that Agua Dulce has been surrounded by the government forces. Four revolutionary war vessels are now in the bay at Panama and the revolutionists are reported to be moving toward the railroad. Mr. Ehrman considers the situation at Colon and at Panama serious.

GIVES SATISFACTION.

BERLIN, Sept. 9.—The press reports regarding the sinking of the Haytian rebel gunboat Crete a Pierrot by the German gunboat Panther gives great satisfaction here. The press comment emphasizes the fact that utterances of the leading papers of the United States prove that the people of that country are convinced of the unselfishness of Germany's policy in American waters.

LATE NEWS FROM THE SMELTER CITY

(Special to The Miner.)

TRAIL, B. C., Sept. 7.—The Masonic fraternity of this city expect to turn out in force at Rossland's fair next week. Many members are selling tickets at a lively rate.

WILL FLOAT A COMPANY.

L. J. D. Berg, who has had a force of men at work on the Alexandria group on Forty-nine creek all summer, left today for his home in Chicago. Mr. Berg will organize a company for the further development of his property.

ON THE PEND D'OREILLE.

A party of Trail hunters, including S. D. Weaver, J. Murray and W. J. Devitt, have returned from a hunting trip on the Pend d'Oreille. In addition to a number of birds, they brought in a young timber wolf which they captured alive.

TRAIL NEWS NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Strachan and Miss Mabel Coleman are expected here tomorrow evening from Victoria.

Mrs. Shields of Seattle came in last evening for a visit with her son, John.

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